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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1813.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 28th Jan., 1813,—the members present were, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gore, T. M. Harris, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Tilden, T. L. Winthrop; came in during the meeting, A. Bradford, A. Holmes, J. Mellen, W. S. Shaw, and R. Webster.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The Committee chosen 26th Jan., 1808, reported verbally, by their chairman, that they wished for the opinion of the Society on the subject, previous to a formal report.

Voted, To refer the farther consideration of the subject to the next meeting.

Rev. Messrs. HARRIS and PIERCE, a committee appointed to collect the ballots, reported that JAMES SAVAGE, Esq., was unanimously elected a Resident Member.

Rev. Dr. ELIOT communicated to the Society an application from New York for the purchase of Des Barres's Charts, for which one hundred and fifty dollars a volume was offered.

Voted, Not to dispose of them.

Nominations of Corresponding Members: Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D.D., President of Union College, Schenectady, New York, by Joseph McKean; Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, by Rev.

Dr. Eliot; His Honor John Cotton Smith, Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut (Sharon), by Rev. Dr. Holmes. Dissolved.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1813.

At the stated quarterly meeting, April 29, 1813,—the members present were, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Mellen, J. Pierce, W. S. Shaw, J. Tilden, T. L. Winthrop; came in during the meeting, E. Clap, J. Davis, J. T. Kirkland, J. Quincy, and J. Savage.

In the absence of the President, T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

Messrs. COOLIDGE and TILDEN were appointed to report ballots.

* The Society issued in the early part of this year, in a pamphlet of twenty-six pages, "The Act of Incorporation, By-Laws, Catalogue of Members, and Circular Letter of the Massachusetts Historical Society." The whole was prefixed to the first volume, second series, of the Collections, published in 1814. The Circular Letter was that drawn up by Dr. Belknap, and issued in 1794, in a separate pamphlet, as well as in Vol. IV. of the Collections.

This Circular Letter, prepared by Dr. Belknap, was also reissued, probably at this time, on a quarto sheet for general distribution.

The Society also issued, about the same time, a new Circular Letter, drawn up by Dr. John Eliot, agreeably to a vote adopted April 26, 1810, its preparation having been temporarily superseded by another address. It was printed on a quarto sheet, in two forms. One form was designed to be sent to newly elected members, and contained a heading with blank spaces to be filled up and signed by the Recording Secretary, to notify members of their election. At the foot, Articles I. and II. of the By-Laws were added. The other form of the Letter was for general circulation. The Letter is also included in 2 Collections, II. 277-280.

A letter of Dr. McKean, the Recording Secretary, to Dr. Eliot, on file, suggested the preparation of the Circular in the mode in which it was printed.—Eds.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

HON. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	. .	PRESIDENT.
REV. JOSEPH MCKEAN	"	. .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	. .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	. .	TREASURER.
JOSEPH TILDEN, Esq.	"	. .	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq.	"	. .	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP	}	were chosen STANDING COMMITTEE.	
HON. JOHN DAVIS, Esq.			
THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq.			
REV. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D.			
JOHN PIERCE			

Rev. ELIPHALET NOTT, D.D., President of Union College, Hon. ELIAS BOUDINOT, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, and His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Governor of Connecticut, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY, Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D., THADDEUS M. HARRIS, and JOSEPH MCKEAN were chosen the Publishing Committee for the second volume, new series.

The Standing Committee reported Dr. Ephraim Eliot on nomination as a Resident Member.

The Treasurer reported that he had received a donation from Samuel Eliot, Esq., of fifty dollars.*

* The donor was the founder of the Eliot Professorship in Harvard College, and a cousin of Dr. John Eliot, then recently deceased. In acknowledging to Dr. Holmes his letter of thanks, under date of 16th of August, 1813, Mr. Eliot says: "The vote of thanks of the Massachusetts Historical Society I esteem and appreciate as an honor done me, and my best acknowledgments are due to you, Sir, for the impressive and very friendly mode you have adopted in your communication of it.

"The death of Dr. Eliot, to which you allude, was, indeed, a most distressing event. I lost in him one of the last of my bosom friends,—a breach not to be repaired at my time of life. The hand of God is still pressing upon me,

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary return the thanks of the Society to Mr. Eliot; and also to the Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New York, for a valuable present of the Churchman's Magazine, eight volumes, 1804 to 1811, and Episcopal Journals, &c.

Voted, That this Society will celebrate the anniversary of the Landing of the Forefathers, on the 22d of December next, by a public discourse, and that at the next meeting the Society will elect some one to deliver it; that the Standing Committee make the requisite arrangements as to the hour, place, &c.

A report of the state of the Treasury in November last was made, stating a balance then on hand of two hundred and seven dollars and fifty-nine cents.

Voted, That the assessment for 1814 be one dollar and fifty cents, in addition to the stated sum of two dollars; and that this payment entitle every member to the first volume, new series, about to be published.

Dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 24th Aug., 1813, — the members present were, A. Dexter, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Prince, J. Quincy, R. Webster,

as I have before my view a much nearer bereavement. May I bow with resignation to His holy will." The reference here is to the illness of his son, Charles Eliot (Harvard College, 1809), who died in September of this year. — Eds.

* Rev. John Eliot, D.D., one of the original members of the Society, died Feb. 14, 1813. A sketch of his life and character, by Professor Joseph McKean, is in 2 Collections, I. 211-248.

Dr. Eliot was one of the most faithful of the Society's laborers. The first ten volumes of the Collections bear testimony to his industry, and to his devotion to the institution which he assisted in founding. One of his last acts was the drawing up of a letter intended for general circulation, showing the purposes of the Society, and what it had already accomplished. This letter, dated the year of his death, is printed in 2 Collections, II. 277-280. — Eds.



John Eliot

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I shall, however, make some arrangements according to the method of other historians so far as they have brought this matter down to us. We cannot wonder that the hearts of them who settled the land & knew the value of religion should wish these lost sheep that they might know the L. J. C. The great Shepherd who prayed for them when he mentioned all them who should believe on him on the world.

There are ^{three} expressions in the Charter granted to the Colonies, "to win & invite the natives of the Country to a knowledge & obedience of the only true G. & Sav. of mankind."

The Rev. Mr. E. was the first who engaged with zeal in the cause, & his labours were surprising compared with others who have succeeded to the same work. There was no sacrifice he was not ready to make, and he did give up many pleasing concerns of domestic life, in order to render his ministry more useful among the heathen of these benighted parts.

He justly merited the title he received & has been called by every generation since, the Apostle of the Indians.

He on the first place, hired an Indian who could speak English to teach him their language, who was a tall, confident, brave man the found of it, how tedious the words & that it bears no affinity to any language which he had learned. He studied it however, to so much advantage as to be able soon to publish an Indian grammar. This fitted him for the great business he had undertaken for which he was so well qualified on other accounts.

T. L. Winthrop, P. Whitney ; came in, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, J. Bartlett, C. Gore, and W. D. Peck.

In the absence of the President, T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Ballots were brought in for the election of a Resident Member, unanimously, for Dr. EPHRAIM ELIOT.

The President came in.

Letters were read from Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, and from His Excellency J. C. Smith, of Sharon, Connecticut, acknowledging their election as Corresponding Members, and accepting the choice. Mr. Boudinot enclosed fifty dollars, for which the thanks of the Society were voted, to be communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.*

Ballots were brought in for a person to deliver a discourse on the 22d of December next, and it appeared that Hon. Mr. Gore had eleven votes, and Rev. Dr. Freeman one. The President, Mr. Gore, expressed his sense of the respectful notice ; but, on account of his engagements in the Senate of the United States at that time, he asked to be excused.

Voted, That he be excused.

Ballots were again brought in, and Judge Davis had

* Mr. Boudinot's acceptance of his membership, in a letter to Dr. Holmes, was dated Burlington, July 8, 1813. "I have paid attention," he says, "to the Constitution of your Society, enclosed by you. I observe a discrimination made between the Resident and the Corresponding Members, as to annual contributions, from which the Corresponding Members are excused. Although this may generally be proper, yet I cannot think of taking any advantage of this privilege. I therefore enclose you a first bill of exchange . . . for that sum [fifty dollars], which I beg you will carry to the credit of the Society as my donation as a member." — EDS.

ten votes, Rev. Dr. Freeman, two, and Rev. Dr. Holmes, two.

Dr. FREEMAN was appointed a committee to communicate this choice to Judge Davis.

John Pintard, Esq., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. T. Alden.*

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper and Librarian be a committee to procure any repairs which, in their opinion, are necessary to the Society's room.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 28th Oct., 1813, — the members present were, J. Davis, E. Eliot, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Tilden, and T. L. Winthrop; came in, A. Bradford, J. Homer, A. Dexter, J. Savage, J. T. Kirkland, E. Clap, G. Bradford, and J. Morse.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge DAVIS in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

JAMES SAVAGE, Esq., was appointed to collect and report the ballots, who reported that Mr. JOHN PINTARD, of New York, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member. Nine ballots.

David Hosack, M.D., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Mr. Pierce; John Wakefield Francis,

* Mr. Alden, now residing in New York or its neighborhood, and forming the acquaintance of literary and historical characters there, the Society were, no doubt, very willing to receive his suggestions as to the names of suitable persons to be nominated for Corresponding Members. — Eds.

M.D., by Rev. T. Alden ; and Rev. William Harris, D.D. (all of New York), by Mr. McKean.

Communications were made of several donations to the Society.

Voted; That the two Secretaries be added to the Committee for making arrangements for 22d December.

Voted, To adjourn to December 22, to meet at the Society's room, at ten o'clock A.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At the adjournment, 22d Dec., 1813, — the members present were, J. Allyn, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, D. Davis, J. McKean, J. Pierce, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

Voted, To adjourn to Concert Hall, immediately after the services at the Chapel.

Several other members came in ; and, at eleven o'clock, the Society proceeded to King's Chapel, where, after a prayer by Rev. Dr. Freeman, and hymns, a discourse was delivered by Hon. Judge Davis. This was followed by a prayer by Rev. Dr. Holmes, and an appropriate hymn, composed for the occasion by Mr. Nathaniel L. Frothingham.

Present in the course of the forenoon and dinner, besides those enumerated before, J. Bartlett, C. Bulfinch, J. Coolidge, J. Davis, A. Dexter, E. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. Homer, J. T. Kirkland, J. Morse, W. D. Peck, J. Prince,

J. Quincy, J. Savage, W. S. Shaw, W. Spooner, W. Sullivan, Isaiah Thomas, J. Tilden, W. Tudor, and D. A. Tyng.

Dissolved.

JOSEPH MCKEAN.

At the adjournment at Concert Hall, on motion of
Rev. Dr. FREEMAN,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Hon. Judge Davis for his discourse, this day delivered; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the press.

Voted, That Hon. Mr. Quincy, Rev. Drs. Morse and Kirkland be a committee to communicate the foregoing vote.

Hon. Mr. QUINCY reported that Judge Davis will comply.*

On motion of Dr. MORSE, that the Society now vote to celebrate this day annually, it was referred to the meeting in January for discussion and decision.

Voted, To instruct the Publishing Committee to finish the volume which has been so long in the press with this discourse, and endeavor that it be ready by the January meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the musicians for their excellent performances to-day, and also to the proprietors of King's Chapel for the use of their house.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Prince and Charles Bulfinch, Esq., be a committee to ascertain the elevation of the three principal hills from which the ancient name of our metropolis, Trimountain, was derived, and to furnish a vertical section, and such other description as they may deem useful and important, to be preserved in the archives of this Society.

Voted, That Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., Dr. A. Dexter, and Alden Bradford, Esq., be a committee to apply to the Trustees of the New England Library, so called, for the deposit of the same in the Historical Room; and, if they shall consent, to agree on the conditions

* Judge Davis's Discourse was published in 2 Collections, Vol. I. Copies were also issued separately from the same types. — Eds.

of the deposit, to give a receipt for the books, &c., to superintend the removal and disposition of them, provide cases, if necessary, and, in general, to act for this Society on the subject; and, if legislative consent be requisite, to apply for the same, either singly or in connection with the said Trustees, as may be deemed most advantageous and proper.*

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1814.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 27th Jan., 1814, — the members present were, T. Alden, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. McKean, J. Pierce, and R. Webster; came in, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, E. Eliot, A. Holmes, and J. Davis.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PIERCE in the chair.

Hon. Mr. J. WINTHROP came in, and took the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Mr. PIERCE appointed to collect and report the ballots. He reported that DAVID HOSACK, M.D., JOHN WAKEFIELD FRANCIS, M.D., and Rev. WILLIAM HARRIS, D.D., all of New York, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members.

The motion of Rev. Dr. Morse, referred from the adjourned meeting, that the Society agree annually to celebrate the 22d of December by a public discourse, was taken up, and referred to the next meeting, notice of it to be given to the members.

* This Committee reported at the October meeting, 1817. — Eds.